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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2626**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi SEKINE et al.

Group Art Unit: 2626

Application No.: 09/716,958

Examiner: J. GRANT

Filed: November 22, 2000

Docket No.: 107957

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the June 2, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Grant in the August 30 personal interview and telephone interview on August 31. The reasons presented at the interview resulted in a favorable action which is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 3-6, 8, 12-16, 18 and 20 include allowable subject matter.